

## **Tiered Reimbursement**

As of July 1, 2012, providers who receive Wisconsin Shares must have submitted a YoungStar participation form and Wisconsin Shares Contract. The initial Wisconsin Shares contract is for two years. When a provider submits a reapplication for YoungStar, the Wisconsin Shares contract shifts to a one-year contract.

One Star = Provider is not eligible for Wisconsin Shares payments

Two Stars = Wisconsin Shares payments will be 5% lower

Three Stars = Wisconsin Shares payments will remain the same

Four Stars = Wisconsin Shares payments will be 5% higher

Five Stars = Wisconsin Shares payments will be 10% higher

On January 1, 2013, 5 star provider payments will increase to 25% of the base rate.

### **One Star Providers**

Providers will obtain a one star status if either of the following occurs:

- Suspended by the Fraud Detection and Investigation Unit (FDIU)
- Provider has their license or certification revoked

Currently, data entry into YoungStar CM is a manual process. DCF is notified of the issue and enters available information into YoungStar Case Management, which moves the provider to a one star status. After July 1, 2012, automation will allow for providers to automatically be moved to one star. DCF will still have the ability to manually enter information into the CM system if necessary.

### **Provider Notification**

Providers have been notified of the upcoming Tiered Reimbursement process over the course of the past year. In addition, DCF will include Tiered Reimbursement reminders to providers through direct mailings and Wisconsin Shares newsletters. (See attached)

### **Out-of-State Providers**

Out-of-State providers will be reimbursed at the two star level. Out-of-State providers cannot participate in YoungStar, but must submit a Wisconsin Shares contract to continue to receive Wisconsin Shares. These contracts will be two years in duration. Contracts can either be sent directly to DCF, or to the local YS office, who will then forward the information to DCF.

### **In-Home Providers**

In-home providers are defined by Wisconsin Shares as a regulated provider caring for a child in the child's own home. As in-home providers do not accept children from the general public, they cannot participate in YoungStar, and will be reimbursed at the two star level. In-home providers must submit a Wisconsin Shares contract to continue to receive Wisconsin Shares. These contracts will be two years in duration. Contracts can either be sent directly to DCF, or to the local YS office, who will then forward the information to DCF

If a provider has questions regarding their child care payments, they should contact their county child care coordinator.